

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

00:00:00

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GERALD PEASE**, on January 20, 2005 at 3:48 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gerald Pease, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 45, 1/17/2005; SB 174, 1/17/2005
Executive Action: SB 144, SB 38, SB 194, SB 226,
SB 123

00:06:30

Motion/Vote: SEN. BLACK moved that SB 144 BE TABLED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:10:30

HEARING ON SB 45

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DAN HARRINGTON (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 45, Uniform statutes of limitation for motor fuel assessments.

00:10:50

Proponents' Testimony:

Jim Currie, Department of Transportation (DOT)

[EXHIBIT](#)(his15a01)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:11:22

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:02

HEARING ON SB 174

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. SAM KITZENBERG (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 174, Require examiner to administer scheduled motor vehicle driver's license exam.

[EXHIBIT](#)(his15a02)

00:16:23

Proponents' Testimony:

Dean Roberts, Administrator, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

00:24:00

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:17

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 38

Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 38 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 194

00:27:27

Motion: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 194 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:32:38

Motion: SEN. COCCHIARELLA withdrew her first motion and made a substitute motion that SB 194 DO PASS AS AMENDED to include Amendments 1, 3, 4, and the first half of amendment 2, (separating "delayed effective date").

Discussion:

00:38:33

Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 194 BE AMENDED (as described in previous motion). Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

00:42:11

Motion/Vote: SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 194 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with SEN. LASLOVICH and BRUEGGEMAN voting no.

00:42:51

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 226

Motion/Vote: SEN. STEINBEISSER moved that SB 226 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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Discussion:

01:06:20

Substitute Motion/Vote: SEN. STEINBEISSER withdrew his first motion and made a substitute motion that SB 226 BE AMENDED. Substitute motion failed 3-6 by roll call vote with SEN. BRUEGGEMAN, SEN. KITZENBERG, and SEN. LASLOVICH voting aye.

1:08:19

Motion/Vote: SEN. BLACK moved that SB 226 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 3-3 by roll call vote with SEN. BRUEGGEMAN, SEN. COCCHIARELLA, and SEN. LASLOVICH voting no.

01:09:48

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 123

Motion: SEN. BLACK moved that SB 123 DO PASS.

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Discussion:

1:13:32

Motion/Vote: SEN. BLACK moved that SB 123 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:15 P.M.

SEN. GERALD PEASE, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

GP/ph

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([his15aad0.PDF](#))